

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we run the danger of these companies furthering their own political agenda, which is contrary to the spirit of the law and NOT in the public interest. It is important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter in a factual and unbiased basis.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard and why consolidation of the media is NOT in the public interest. Thank you.